



CITY OF ORLANDO

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CITY COMMISSIONER

Hon. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Hon. Michael Copps, Commissioner
Hon. Robert McDowell, Commissioner
Hon. Meredith Attwell Baker, Commissioner
Hon. Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: AT&T – T-Mobile Merger, WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a local elected official, my primary focus is to promote the quality of life for all Orlando residents through sustainable neighborhoods – a focus I share with many fellow officials throughout the country. Despite being home to Disney's Magic Kingdom, many local dreams have gone unfulfilled due to the lack of resources and proper tools needed to succeed in today's changing economy.

The prospective AT&T/T-Mobile merger will expand top quality broadband service to millions of Americans – one of the many benefits of the proposed merger, and why I stand fully behind it.

As the world continues to advance through the digital revolution, it is essential to be connected to broadband to benefit from the innovative digital advances in education, healthcare and employment. Too many communities, however, are still disconnected – particularly, African Americans.

Presently, mobile broadband is the leading service available in helping close the digital divide. African Americans were among the first to adopt the service, and many still rely on it as their primary means of service.

The merger, if approved, will advance the entire nation by giving 55 million more Americans broadband access, and also provide a tremendous boost to areas in Orlando like Parramore, where we are trying to preserve and restore Black businesses and the hearts of residents.

I ask you to join me and millions of other Americans – who not only want reliable broadband service, but desperately need reliable broadband service – in supporting the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daisy W. Lynam".

Daisy W. Lynam
Commissioner, District 5